

Hurricane Harvey Response 2017
Community Liaison (CL) Report

TO: Jannetta Coats

FROM: Paula Flores-Gregg, Pamela Houston and LaTonya Sanders

SUBJECT: Daily Report: Port Arthur/Beaumont

COUNTY: Jefferson

DATE: 9/16/2017

Due: Daily 4:00 pm

SUMMARY:

- Participated in the morning command briefing.
- Participated in the 8:30 a.m. daily conference call.
- Strategic Meeting to review list of contacts/leads and plan action moving forward.
- Completed follow-up spreadsheet
- Hand updated the Flood Cleanup and the Air in your Home booklets.
 - Crossed out the 800 number on page 22 that no longer routes to an EPA hotline.
 - Crossed out links on page 24 and replaced with working links:
 - www.cdc.gov/disasters/floods
 - www.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes
- Visit the Bob Bower Civic Center in Port Arthur where displaced residents are being housed.
 - Contracted, under the Texas Emergency Management collaboration between FEMA, HUD & Health and Human Services and contracted by the State of Texas. Nonprofit organization made up of 4,000 employees, emergency responders, and ex-military personal
 - Currently have 250 beds ready and will be adding 250 more. Which includes 500 soft sided structures/tents.
 - Houses Men, Women, and Families.
 - Includes Clinic, Pharmacy, and Mess Hall.
 - Plan for a second site at the Mall in the old Hobby Lobby for 750 more individuals with the same amenities.
 - The Program director requested re-entry material and wants to provide copies to citizen as they transition into homes and were provided.

- No pictures were taken because due to private of victims.
- Current temporary residents were relocated from a School that will reopen in a few days.
- The city is working on registration and prioritization.
- Concerns with sharing this information widely was expressed by the managers.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

- Set up a weekly assignment calendar (electronic) to keep track of appointments.
- Two Birthing Barges are on hold for now due to safety checks (Port Arthur).

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- Water Testing Kits were requested by Jefferson County (Beaumont) 500-1,000. Will reach back out to the Emergency Management Office, Greg Fountain to get clarification regarding kits and testing.
- Some businesses were reluctant to take our thumb drive to download approved fact sheets. Moving forward will write a link to our website to the fact sheets on the back of our business cards.

SCHEDULED WORKED:

Follow up with Victoria Pham, to give her the FEMA information about the Vietnamese translator. - Pamela

Follow up with Ike about FEMA jobs and housing. - Paula

Follow up with Hilton, jobs, Mega center. – Paula

Greg Fountain – (MONDAY) Pastor Kalan Gardner inquiries about housing. Mold Remediation in Schools and Commercial Building booklet -Paula

Plans to visit the local Buddhist Temple.

Plans to visit the local Catholic Diocese of Beaumont.

Plans to visit the local Islamic Center in Beaumont.